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The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine Governor of Virginia Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor 1111 East Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable John H. Chichester Chair. Senate Finance Committee General Assembly Building, 10th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr. Chair, House Appropriations Committee General Assembly Building, 9th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Kaine, Senator Chichester, and Delegate Callahan:

Recommended Technology Investment Projects Report (RTIP) for 2006

The Commonwealth's Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) is pleased to submit its recommended technology investment projects, including recommended priorities for funding such projects, due each September 1 as required by the *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-2458.

This year marks the fourth year for submission of the RTIP Report by the ITIB. In developing this year's report, only projects supported by a strong business case, based on ITIBestablished selection and ranking criteria, were considered as priorities for funding. In making its recommendations, the ITIB placed increased emphasis on IT projects offering enterprise solutions and opportunities for collaboration. The core recommendation to provide new or

continued funding for 49 projects can be found in the accompanying report in Appendix A: 2006 Major IT Projects Recommended for Funding.

The Commonwealth strategy for investing in technology must be driven by business needs. The ITIB believes that collaboration begins at the level of business ownership. We applaud the recent decision by the General Assembly to fund the Commonwealth Enterprise Applications Program through use of the Commonwealth Technology Infrastructure Fund. This funding strategy gives the ITIB the opportunity to promote strong business ownership of enterprise and collaborative technology investments. We encourage increased utilization of this funding model as an excellent way to strengthen ITIB oversight of the Commonwealth technology investment process.

While the purpose of the 2006 RTIP Report is to fulfill a mandated reporting requirement, it is the ITIB's desire that the report add value to the Commonwealth IT investment decision-making process. To this end, the report provides additional recommendations for promoting enterprise and collaborative technology investments and strengthening the technology investment governance process. The ITIB welcomes any assistance that the Governor and General Assembly can provide to the ITIB in its efforts to ensure the RTIP Report remains a valuable reference for Commonwealth IT investment decisions.

Sincerely,

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